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SRIMATHI T. N. ANANDANAYAKI : Some of the persons who had passed the Diploma course in Homoeopathic systems of medicine call themselves doctors. Are they allowed to use " Doctor " before their names?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be put to my Colleage, the Minister for Health.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I may be permitted to answer questions Nos. 46 and 47 together.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions Nos. 46 and 47 will be taken up together.

Magnesite Mines in Salem district.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation from the leading citizens of Salem in February 1957 requesting that the Magnesite Mines in Salem district should be taken over and controlled by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The general question of reserving certain minerals in this State for State exploitation including the magnesite deposits in Salem district is under the consideration of the Government.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the area of the lands leased out to the Salem Magnesite Syndicate, Limited, for the purpose of getting magnesite

(*b*) the terms and conditions of the lease; and

(*c*) when the lease is to expire and what the Government propose to do after the expiry of this lease?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) 1,573·34 acres.

(*b*) A copy of the lease deed containing the terms and conditions of the lease will be placed in the Library.

(*c*) The present lease is to expire on 10th January 1959. As already stated the general question of reserving the magnesite deposits in Salem district for State exploitation is under consideration. The question as to what is to be done in respect of the mines leased to the Magnesite Syndicate, Limited, on the expiry of the lease, will be considered in the light of the decision of the Government on the general question.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Sir, may I know whether at least some of the important conditions will be placed on the Table here?